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**Subject:** Soitec Solar site control?  
**Attachments:** BPG to Jacob Soitec site control 8-17-14-signed.pdf

Hello Supervisor/Chair Jacob,

Please find the attached letter from the Boulevard Planning Group seeking clarification and confirmation of site control for Soitec Solar's Tierra Del Sol Solar and other Boulevard projects currently included in the Programmatic EIR.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Regards,

Donna Tisdale, Chair  
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## **RE: REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON CURRENT SOITEC SOLAR SITE CONTROL & CONTINUED PROCESSING OF A PROGRAMMITIC EIR (PEIR)**

Dear Chair Jacob,

At our regular Boulevard Planning Group meeting, held on August 7<sup>th</sup>, the following motion passed unanimously 7-0-0:

- Request clarification on whether or not Soitec Solar maintains site control of the Tierra Del Sol Solar project through a current lease or purchase option.

We are seeking your help in securing such clarification from County Staff/Counsel based on multiple reports that Joe Brown, one of the Tierra Del Sol site owners, has repeatedly complained that Soitec has informed him that they would not be renewing their lease/option agreement.

In an e-mail dated June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Staff confirmed that, *"Soitec has indicated they were not renewing the lease for Tierra Del Sol. Right now they are actively pursuing a permit for Rugged Solar, and their other projects are on the backburner. This is not a problem for us as we occasionally have projects that are analyzed programmatically but that get entitlements incrementally."*<sup>1</sup>

After our August meeting, I was alerted that the \$100 million Case # 37-2014-00025797-CU-MC-CTL, was filed in Superior Court on August 1<sup>st</sup> by various Lansing entities. Allegations in that case appear to confirm reports that Soitec has also dropped lease/options for the LanWest, LanEast, and Los Robles Solar projects proposed for properties that were under option or control by Lansing entities. If true, that would leave Soitec with remaining site control solely for the Rugged Solar project.

Please confirm current project site control and advise how Soitec's PEIR can continue to be processed for 4 sites despite the loss of site control for 3 of those 4 projects and the alternative Los Robles site.

Regards,

  
Donna Tisdale, Chair

CC: Robert Hingtgen, Mark Wardlaw; Donna Beddow; interested parties

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Documents/Record-Documents/2014-06-23-MindyFogg-email-to-DonnaTisdale-Re-Soitec-TDS-Nonrenewal-Of-Lease.pdf>